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To the Class of 2023.
While you travel far and wide with your future endeavors, never forget that you will always have a hOUme here in Athens.

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Welcome to the 2023 Athena Yearbook. My name is Lilith Roberts, and I am excited to introduce edition one hundred and eighteen to you all. Thanks for picking up a copy!

I would like to start with a favorite quote of mine and a parallel to our theme this year: Life. "You can be the master of your fate and you can be the captain of your soul. But you have to realize that life is coming from you, and not at you, and that takes time." -Timothée Chalamet.

This quote has helped structure the Athena this year. Through storytelling, we have shown how that simple statement is true at Ohio University. Through students, staff, clubs and more, OHIO brings life from within.

To the class of 2023, I believe this idea of life should resonate with you all the most. Your college years started right along with the pandemic. In spite of this, you persevered and let the life from within you manifest success.

Pioneering life after the pandemic, you returned to our beautiful campus and showed the rest of us how to come back better than ever. As you depart, remember that you are the master of your fate and the captain of your soul. Thank you from our staff and from everyone here at Ohio University!

LILITH ROBERTS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We present to you all of the successes of this year, and hope you enjoy this edition of The Athena Yearbook.

With Bobcat Pride,

Lilith Roberts

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President Dr. Hugh Sherman serves his last year as Ohio University's 22nd president. He has held this position for the past two years and been a great leader for our community. Dr. Hugh Sherman will be greatly missed by students, faculty and staff. Thank you for a great term Hugh!

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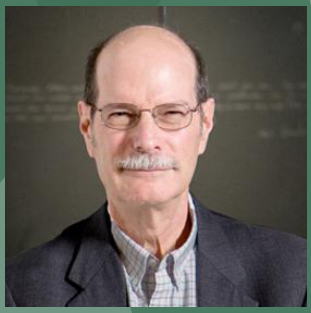

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The Ohio University Board of Trustees and community worked hard during the 2022-23 school year to determine OHIO's next president. On March 23rd, 2023, the Board approved the appointment of President-Elect Dr. Lori Stewart Gonzalez as the first female president in history. She is a seasoned academic leader who has committed her career to public higher education. She began her presidency on July 1, 2023.

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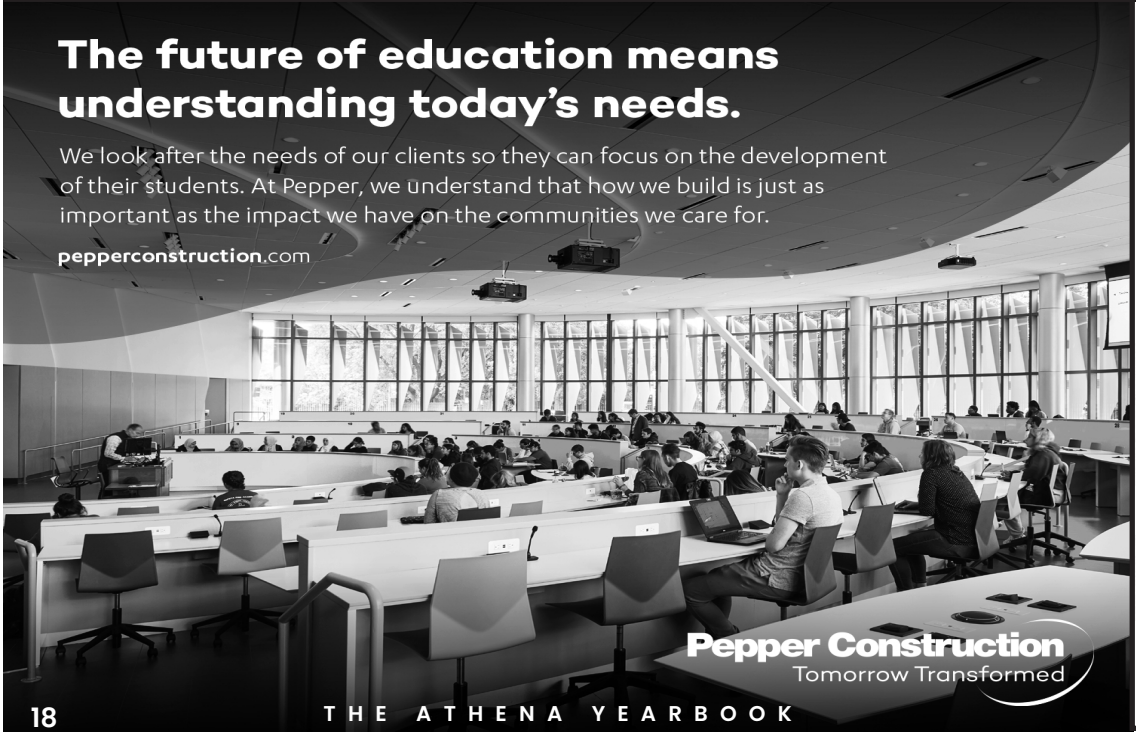

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Academics

College of Arts & Sciences student and faculty researchers gave the world some significant scientific discoveries this year. Chemistry students uncovered a new class of medicinal compounds that can target RNA. Biologists studied dinosaur size and evolution from the T-rex to the Velociraptor. Physicists used a supercomputer to show how to make graphite from coal—important since an electric vehicle battery uses 100 pounds of graphite. And geologists raise scorpions as models to study fossil burrows—and kept a few as pets.

College of Arts & Sciences

College of Business

OHIO's College of Business welcomed a record-setting freshman class to the Athens campus in the fall. Another first for 2021 was welcoming the inaugural Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Russell Morrow, who took a diverse group of students to Detroit for Black History Month (pictured). The COB partnered with Deakin University to offer a new sport management double degree program in Australia. The Walter Center's Annual Eco Impact Challenge allowed students to bring sustainability ideas to drive change in campus facilities, while Sport Management students won first place in the COSMA Case Study Cup competition in Tampa, Florida (pictured). Selective programs and student organizations such as Emerging Leaders and Ohio Women in Business planned several events and trips to build memorable relationships with alumni nationwide.

College of Fine Arts

Over the course of this year, the Fine Arts community, our students, faculty, staff, visiting artists, and arts partners have celebrated the return to in-person performances, exhibitions, and the arts and cultural events central to our mission. Artists are traveling again, and our doors are wide open! This year students engaged in the visual and performing arts besides a sparking list of visiting and guest artists and scholars, including a performance by Hinge Ensemble, visual artist Deborah Orloff, guest juror for the Alternatives Biennial, pianist Dominic Cheli, designer in residence Nadine Bitterli, choreographer Ashley Suttlar Martin, German playwright Kevin Rittberger, Rwandan contemporary artist Innocent Nkurunziza, and celebrated musician Anthony Elliott playing a 300-year-old cello. The Fine Arts community kicked off the spring semester with the first-ever, OHIO ARTrepreneurship Summit, in which students, faculty, and staff enjoyed panels and workshops with 13 visiting arts professionals and keynote presentations by arts industry leaders, Sharon Louden and David Cutler, highlighting entrepreneurial thinking and tools that support artists and serve communities in and through the arts. Students continued to embrace and shape a changing world with a unique brand of resilient thinking, making, performance, curiosity, and tenacity. We can't wait to see what comes next.

FINE ARTS

College of Health Sciences and Professions

The College of Health Sciences and Professions is continuing its legacy of providing health-based solutions both locally and globally. Whether it's educating a much-needed healthcare workforce across Southeastern Ohio and greater Appalachia, or leading research impacting the healthcare field across the world, CHSP's output can be felt far and wide. With more than 7,500 current students — making CHSP one of the 10 largest health-focused colleges in the country — our students directly impact the communities they serve. Whether that is through our work improving health and wellness outcomes in 25 nearby counties or through our Global Health Initiative, which emphasizes an empathetic understanding of health issues that span cultures both home and abroad. This past year we've seen our students, faculty, and staff to achieve incredible things, and we know they will continue to do so for years to come.

ool of Nursing

Honors Tutorial College

HTC welcomed alumni back to Athens for an anniversary weekend to celebrate fifty years of curiosity, creativity and academic achievement. HTC students continued to do remarkable work across discipline and medium – winning many nationally competitive awards, including an Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholar award.

HTC

Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

At the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, care is at the heart of who we are. With a commitment to collaboration and a focus on osteopathic medicine, we train future primary care physicians and specialists to treat the whole patient, immersing them in osteopathic philosophy and practice from their very first days. Our approach to medicine and patient care emphasizes physician-patient relationships; prioritizes prevention and wellness; and considers a patient's environment, beliefs, and values in their diagnosis, treatment, and care. Ultimately, we're transforming how the next generation of health care leaders learn and how they deliver care to diverse patient populations.

Patton College of Education

Students at the Patton College thrived throughout the academic year as they continued to become future educators and leaders in their fields. Students received prestigious Appalachian, Rankin and Templeton scholarships. Members of the Brothers RISE program participated in the Ohio Department of Education Academic Excellence for All Conference (pictured). Restaurant, Hotel, and Tourism students participated in a celebration to support the food practices of fall for Midwestern and Indigenous persons (pictured). Patton College ecotourism students gained invaluable appreciation of nature and traditional cultures in Costa Rica (pictured). Health and Physical Education students gave a standout presentation during the OAPHARD state convention. As always, the college is forever OHIO Proud & Patton Proud!

Russ College of Engineering and Technology

At the Russ College of Engineering and Technology, the 2022-2023 year welcomed students back to campus after a year of uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Students were eager to fully participate in classes, labs and competitions after the social distancing and mask mandates were relaxed. As a result, the year was full of collaborative and innovative successes. Russ students excelled across many disciplines in national and even international competitions. The student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers planned the regional symposium, inviting students from Ohio and Michigan to compete in civil engineering competitive events. In fact, the OHIO team won the surveying competition, cementing their trip to the national competition. They ultimately took home the fourth-place prize. In addition to this win, chemical engineering students placed first in WERC Environmental Design Contest, mechanical engineering students placed third in SourceAmerica's IDEATE Competition and computer science students placed first in the International Wikipedia Editing Competition. This year has been an incredible year for students in the Russ College as they found ways to experience engineering both inside and outside of the classroom.

Scripps College of Communication

The Scripps College of Communication continued to lead the new and next in the 2022-23 academic year. The E.W. Scripps School of Journalism kicked off its year-long celebration of 100 years of journalism education at OHIO with centennial events and symposia. The grand opening of the Esports Arena drew a crowd. A VisCom contingent headed to Switzerland for the Visual Discovery Conference. Our students continued to make the most of the college's coast-to-coast experiential learning opportunities, heading to LA and DC, New York, Florida and Texas (Austin, to be specific: trips for a music production master class and South by Southwest!). Back on campus, they used recording, photo, and podcast studios to create amazing projects; they published countless words and photos in print and online; and in their clubs and organizations, they advocated, networked, and innovated.

University College

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OHIO students continue to amaze us with the persistence and resilience they have shown since our world turned upside down in Spring of 2020 and as they returned to campus with energy and enthusiasm. University College serves students who are exploring OHIO's many majors and is home to unique majors including Criminal Justice, Specialized Studies, and Technical and Applied Studies. Whether you started off as an undecided student in University College, studied in one of our degree programs, or participated in our programs in your first year at OHIO, we are proud of you, and all you have accomplished!

Graduate College

OHIO's Graduate College helps graduate students from across the university with their scholarly, creative and professional development, from orientation through theses and dissertations. In 2022-23, Graduate College expanded the Three Minute Thesis Competition, where students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance, with eight finalists getting cash prizes, thanks to a generous alumna. The college also awards five named fellowships each year and works with the Graduate Student Senate to provide Original Work Grants and Travel Awards that support students' research, scholarship and creative activities.

Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service

Voinovich School students continued to do remarkable collaborative work this year with a focus on policy, the environment, community health and public service. The school welcomed another remarkable class of undergraduate Voinovich Scholars and hosted many community events to share public service thought leadership and perspectives, such as the annual State of the Region Conference.

Ohio University, nestled in the rolling hills of Appalachia, is a prestigious institution of higher learning that boasts a rich history and a vibrant community. Known for its excellent academic programs, world-class research facilities, and dynamic student life, Ohio University is a top choice for students seeking a first-rate education. At the heart of the Ohio University community are the Bobcats, the beloved mascot that represents the university's spirit and ... are a symbol of the ...

... tions, serving as a symbol of the university's strong sense of community and shared values. One of the areas where Ohio University truly excels is journalism. The E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, named after the famed newspaper magnate and philanthropist, is one of the most respected and acclaimed journalism programs in the country. The school offers a comprehensive curriculum that combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience, preparing students for successful careers in media and beyond. Students have access to state-of-the-art ... a broadcast center, a multimedia newsroom, and a ... them to learn and work with cutting-edge ... hallmark of Ohio University is ... The university ...

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SOCCER

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SEASON RECORD: 20 - 12

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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SWIM & DIVE

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SWIM & DIVE

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SEASON RECORD: 32 - 23

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A Year in Review

Take Back the Night is an annual event hosted by OHIO's Women's Center and Student Senate designed to promote awareness of sexual and domestic violence and is focused on the survivor experience. Survivors, activists, and supporters show up in Athens, Ohio for the March down and around Court Street.

Student Senate conducts annual elections each spring in order to select 33 representatives. Megan Handle won the position of president and Isaac Davis won the position of vice president in the 2022-23 election.

EXIT
WELL-BEING AND RECREATION
OHIO

WELL-BEING & RECREATION
2022-2023
STUDENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BANQUET

Students get festive at The Pigskin Bar and Grille while watching the OU Bobcats play in the 2022 MAC Championship Game!

TRULY

A few moments from the Black Alumni Reunion that took place at OU this Fall!

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Career
Experiential

perspective students checking out all OU has to offer during Discovery Day!

Students and families came to OU this spring for Multicultural Connections!

SARE
LEADS
HERE

The OU community came together this February to celebrate womens history month!

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and Inclusion
History

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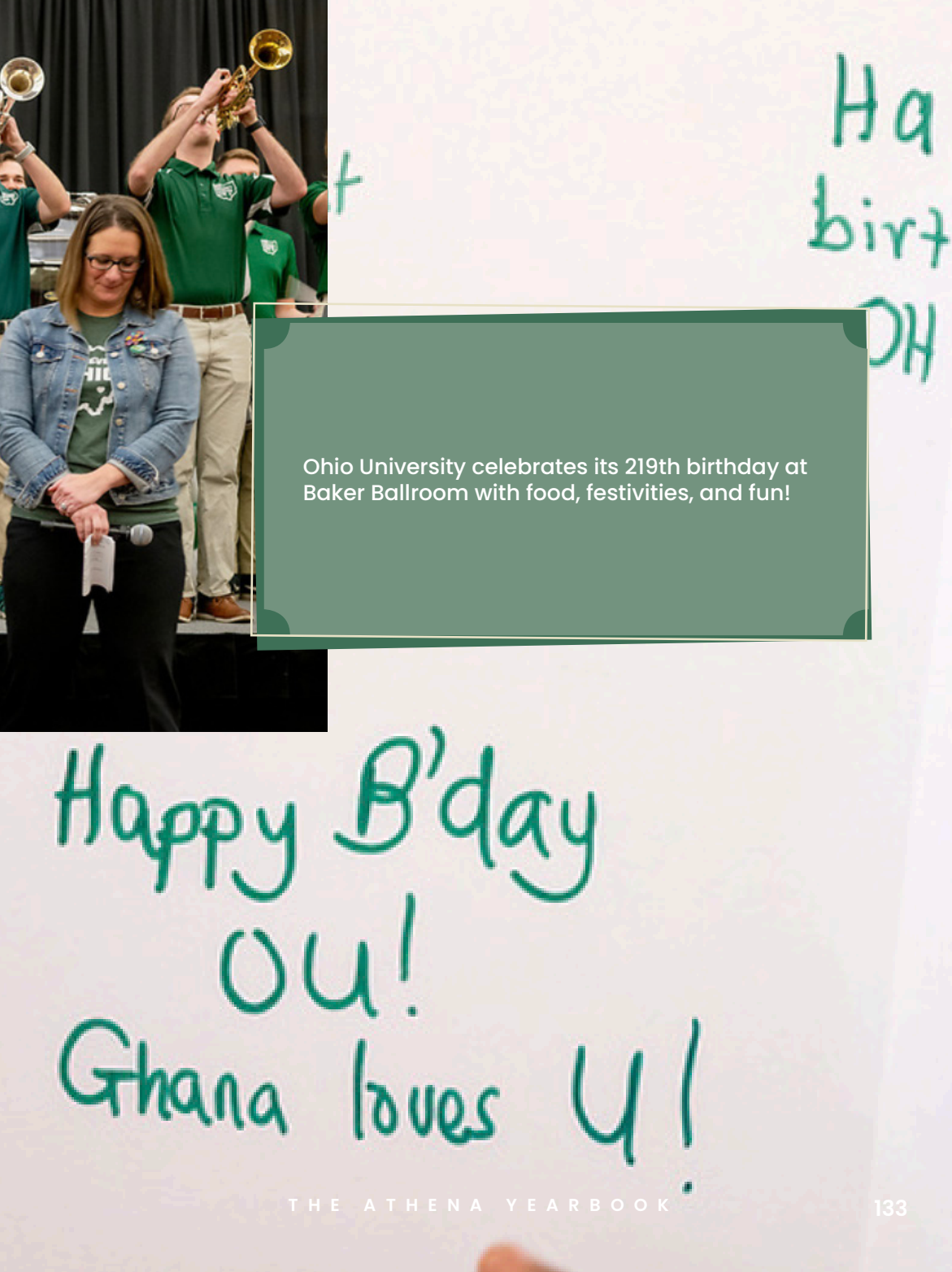
Ohio University celebrates its 219th birthday at Baker Ballroom with food, festivities, and fun!



Students at OU made their voices heard this year as they registered to vote at a booth in front of Alumni Gateway!

Organizations

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Student National Medical Association

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is committed to diversifying medicine by supporting current and future students underrepresented in medicine. Every year, we organize a multitude of programming to support increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians. We started the year off with an SNMA and MAPs pipeline social, which served as an opportunity to meet current medical students and learn more about programs offered by HCOM. We also participated in recruitment of people of color by attending PreDOC zoom calls and weekly interviews for URM Meet Up Q&As, and we hosted our annual Med Student for a Day, which is a program intended for undergraduate students to experience a day in the life at OUHCOM. In addition to diversifying medicine, another part of SNMA's mission is to address the needs of underserved communities. Each month, SNMA has national protocols in which we bring awareness to different chronic illnesses and diseases. One of our most successful events was in September, where we hosted a Sickle Cell panel with patients living with the disease and provided information on the disparities associated with it. Our last event of the year was our Multicultural Gala which served as an amazing experience for students to celebrate the diverse cultures of HCOM, as well as a fundraise for our annual Undergraduate URM STEM Scholarship.

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is a pre-medical organization that helps undergraduates interested in pursuing medicine become competitive medical school applicants. Throughout the 2022-23 school year we hosted a suture clinic at OUHCOM, an emergency medicine clinic, and an osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) workshop. We also had many healthcare speaking engagements and networking opportunities for our members. Outside of academics, AMSA has allowed pre-med students to connect with their peers that share the same passion for medicine!

American Medical Student Association

Our mission is to establish and strengthen the bond between current students and the OHIO Alumni Association by creating diverse programs and creative activities that yield opportunities for students and alumni to connect.

-Diversity Series Panel during the last week of February
-Organized Yell Like Hell
-Organized Birthday Bash
-Giving Day, Gardening, and other philanthropic events

Student Alumni Board

Sigma Delta Pi

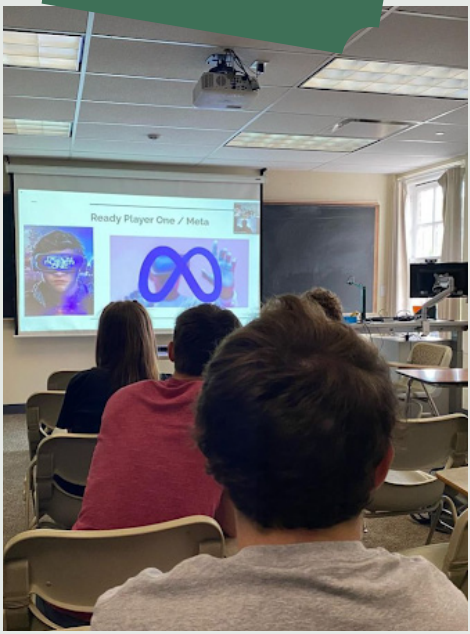
Our motto is the Greek phrase “Spanías Didagéi Proágomen” meaning “Let’s go forth under the guidance of the Spanish language.” We are proud to be a diverse group of people who are interested in the Hispanic language and culture. We are a very active chapter, and we hold various events open to the public, such as informational panels, movies nights, crafts nights, cultural celebrations – such as The Day of the Dead – and many more!

Bangladesh Student's Organization

In Bangladeshi Cultural Night 2023, we celebrate spring's first day ("Pahela Falgun"). The Slogan of this day is- "Esho Mili Praner Utshobe" (Come mingle in the festival of Life). The program is based on traditional Bangla music, dance, and food.

OUCC provides a space for students to learn about the new and involving industry of digital assets. The most engaging event we held was our meta verse workshop, where we got hands on experience with the technology by bringing in VR headsets. It was a lot of fun!

Cryptocurrency Club



The Ohio University Chapter of the American Meteorological Society is an academic organization designed to unite students interested in the weather in any major and provide them with educational and networking opportunities in the field. At the beginning of this semester, several meteorology students traveled to the annual American Meteorological Society conference in Denver, giving students the chance to network and connect with other colleagues in the field. In addition, our organization won first place in the student chapter poster competition! Our largest event of the year, our 13th Annual Meteorology Symposium, will be taking place on March 25th, where we will have seven speakers from various sectors of meteorology present on their careers and/or research!

OU American Meteorological Society

Ohio Nutrition Club

The Ohio Nutrition club is a student-led organization based on healthy eating and promoting good nutrition to Ohio University's students and the Athens community. We focus on the current majors of Applied Nutrition/Nutrition program, but the club is open to any student who is interested in becoming more involved in the community. Most recently, we volunteered and packed 750 senior food boxes for the SE Ohio Foodbank, we hosted a cooking demo with Live Healthy Appalachia, we have had a number of nutrition and dietetic based speakers, and have more activity based meetings such as hikes at the Ridges or rock climbing at Ping, and we always have snacks!

Ohio Sports Analytics Team

The Ohio Sports Analytics Team (OSAT) provides student of sports and analytics backgrounds alike high end experiential learning. Built on the pillars of developing hard skills, enhancing soft skills, and providing only the best professional development and networking, students have the option to grow in the sports analytics field like never before! This year, OSAT went to the Cleveland Cavaliers analytics night, took a professional networking trip to St. Louis, and worked on a consulting project with a top 10 NFL draft pick!!

Cru is a caring community that is passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ. Central to the organization is a weekly worship and teaching time, small group Bible studies, retreats, conferences and summer mission opportunities.

Cru at Ohio University

We are a new club that became official this semester. We play pickleball around twice or three times a week and we currently have around 25 members. We play casually and competitively and hope to compete in a collegiate tournament this summer. We also have been in contact with local Athens pickleball players and hope to do some sort of charity/outreach event with them this spring.

Ohio University Pickleball Club

NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People aims to educate students on issues that impact the African American community. We strive to liberate students' minds and protect our rights on campus. We have hosted panels about Ableism in the Black community, the importance of financial literacy, events highlighting Black Women in politics, and participated in various collaborative events with other minority organizations! Through our podcast, "Black By Popular Demand" we also strive to uplift and bring attention to topics about the Black experience!

Ohio University Mindfulness-Based Living

Mindfulness is the awareness that arises with paying attention to the present moment non-judgmentally and with intention. This club uses mindfulness-based activities/practices and meditations to improve the well-being and mental health of group members. The activities include mindful eating, movement, arts and crafts, hiking, communication, self-compassion, loving-kindness practice, gratitude practices, grounding techniques, photography, and psychoeducation on mindfulness.

The OU College Republicans are a professional group that works hard to spread the conservative word and help elect Republican officials around the state of Ohio. This past year, they played an active role in campaigning for officials such as Governor Mike DeWine, newly elected U.S. Senator J.D. Vance, Representative Jay Edwards, and Athens County Auditor Jill Thompson. Despite all the hard work, they have a lot of fun and participate in various social activities such as attending the Conservative Political Action Conference, a boat trip, and hosting a ladies and guys night.

Ohio University College Republicans

"SBA is the Nation's #1 Sport Management Program's Premier Undergrad Club. Our membership continues to grow each semester as we are up over 90 members now! As a part of SBA, you have the opportunity to grow your development in the tightly knit sports industry through guest speakers, networking trips and professional development! We're always excited to grow and enhance our members' experiences."

Sports Business Association

NPPAOU

We are an organization at Ohio University committed to mentorship, education and having fun. Along with community nights, we host speakers virtually and in-person throughout the year. Visit the calendar on our home page to see what events are happening this week.

OU GIVE

OU GIVE is a branch of the Growth International Volunteer Excursions group that is centered around creating global volunteers. This chapter of GIVE focuses on taking action locally and how to be a sustainable, conscious community member. Past volunteer events have included Books for Prisoners, food drives for Cat's Cupboard, work with Ohio Health Hospice Volunteers, etc.

Whether you want to connect with the 2S-LGBTQ+ community at OHIO, you need a quiet study space or a snack, you want a place to engage in thought-provoking and action-inspiring conversation, you want resources to help someone with sexuality or gender diversity issues, you need tips on working effectively with LGBTQ+ people in your professional life, or you are starting to explore your own identity, the LGBT Center is here for you!

Ohio University LGBTQ+ Center

The Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta has been on Ohio University's campus since 1908. Since the beginning of their time on campus, the main focus as an organization has been philanthropy and scholarship. AGD's philanthropy is fighting hunger. This directly affects the Athens community and is an important initiative in Southeast, Ohio. Through events such as AGDillas, Mac and Cheese with AGDs, and their annual Rose Ball, they aim to fight food insecurity. Alpha Gams have also been recognized for being one of the chapters with the highest GPA for multiple years in a row. With a sisterhood stronger than ever, Alpha Gams will continue to serve OU and the Athens communities for many years to come.

Alpha Gamma Delta

Sorority and Fraternity Life

The Women's Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity National Pan-Hellenic, and Multicultural Greek Council all serve a unique role in the sorority and fraternity community at Ohio University. These governing bodies determine policies, procedures, rules, and standards for the sorority and fraternity chapters that fall under their purview. There are currently four governing councils at OU.

OU Sparkles

Ohio University Sparkles is an inclusive cheer team. They believe “When everyone cheers, everyone wins.” We all practice together and perform at events on campus. Their purpose is to help raise the public symbol of acceptance, proving that at OHIO, all students are accepted and included. Ohio University Sparkles is always seeking new members who have a passion for cheerleading, friendship, and inclusion!

Student Life

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HAVE A NICE DAY
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